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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Leslie A. Wong |
| STEPHEN A. SCHROEDER ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 1761 |
| Application No.: 09/903,710 |) | |
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| Filed: July 31, 2001 |) | |
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| For: METHOD OF PREPARING LIQUID |) | |
| COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY | : | |
| OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)- |) | |
| L- α -ASPARTYL]-L- | : | |
| PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL |) | |
| ESTER IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE | : | |
| SYSTEMS |) | January 31, 2006 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for further action in the above-identified case for three months from November 1, 2005, to February 1, 2006.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$1020.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

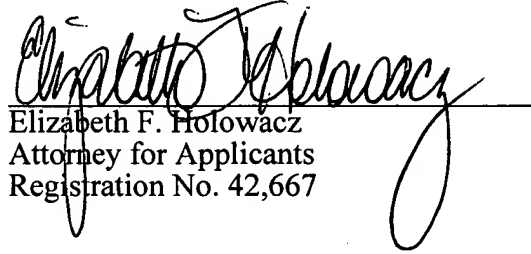
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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